

All efforts are being made to ensure speedy finalisation of these cases. Officers are detailed regularly for getting the cases expedited from CCDA (Pension), Allahabad. Claimants are also advised for complying with audit requirements. As soon as the requisite documents/information are made available by the individual/organisation concerned, the cases are decided immediately.

#### **Association of Indian Universities**

714. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Association of Indian Universities is an autonomous organisation under his Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the legislation under which it is registered;
- (d) whether the Recruitment and Service Conditions Rules applicable to Central Government employees are also applicable to AIU employees;
- (e) if so, the extent thereof;
- (f) the number of posts reserved for SCs/STs in AIU;
- (g) the number of reserved posts lying vacant in AIU; and
- (h) the time by which these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) to (h) The Association of Indian Universities is a body

registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Bye-laws of the Society govern the conditions of service of its employees. In regard to Reservation for SC/ST categories in the matter of Reservation in appointments, the organisation has taken a stand that it being a 'voluntary body' is not required to provide for such Reservations and that while inviting applications for appointments it is mentioned that applicants belonging to these categories will receive preference.

Government is examining the correctness of the stand of the organisation in consultation with appropriate agencies.

#### **Irrigation Projects in Orissa**

715. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the irrigation projects funded by the external agencies in Orissa to complete them in prescribed time;
- (b) the names of new projects included for external funding in recent years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the State Government for their timely completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) A Statement is attached.

(c) The irrigation projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Government(s). Necessary steps are taken by the State Government for timely completion of these projects in consultation with agencies extending financial and technical support. They undertaken review mission from time-to-time to assess and accelerate the implementation process at State level.

#### **Statement**

(Amount in Million Donor Currency)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Assisting Agency	Date of Agreement	Amount of Assistance
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project	The World Bank	19.12.1995	US \$ 290.9 M
2.	Dam Safety Assurance & Rehabilitation Project (Central, Multi-State including Orissa)	The World Bank	10.6.1991	US \$ 148.88 M